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Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A communications system, comprising:



a first communications terminal to be connected, via a first network, to a second communications terminal;

a remote computer;

said first communications terminal having a central controller transmitting status data relating to functional features of said first communications terminal to a said remote computer via a second network, whereby the said remote computer is being programmed to automatically evaluate the status data and to generate an instruction sequence from the status data and to transmit the instruction sequence to said first communications terminal via the second network; and

said <u>central</u> controller <u>employing the instruction sequence as</u>

<u>a program section and</u> providing the functional features to

said first communications terminal <u>by upon</u> processing the

<u>instruction sequence as a program section</u>.

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Claim 2 (original): The communications system according to claim 1, wherein said controller transmits the data via the first network in accordance with an Internet Protocol.

Claim 3 (original): The communications system according to claim 2, wherein the second network transfers data in the Internet Protocol.

Claim 4 (original): The communications system according to claim 3, wherein the first and second network is the Internet.

Claim 5 (previously amended): The communications system according to claim 2, wherein said first and second communications terminals communicate according to a H.323 protocol.

Claim 6 (previously amended): The communications system according to claim 5, which further comprises a first communications controller controlling a communication with said second communications terminal.

Claim 7 (original): The communications system according to claim 6, wherein said remote computer and said first communications terminal communicate in accordance with a CSTA protocol.

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Claim 8 (original): The communications system according to claim 6, which further comprises a second communications controller controlling a communication between said first communications terminal and said remote computer.

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Claim 9 (original): The communications system according to claim 8, which further comprises a shared interface connected to said first and second communications controllers and connecting said first and second communications controllers to the Internet.

Claim 10 (previously amended): The communications system according to claim 8, which further comprises a first converter connected to receive the status data from said central controller, said first converter adapting the status data to a data format defined by the CSTA protocol and forwarding the status data to said second communications controller.

Claim 11 (original): The communications system according to claim 1, wherein the instruction sequence generated by the remote computer contains instructions defined by the CSTA protocol.

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Claim 12 (original): The communications system according to claim 11, which further comprises a converter connected between the remote computer and said central controller, said converter converting CSTA instructions transmitted from the remote computer into control instructions for said central controller.

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Claim 13 (previously amended): The communications system according to claim 1, wherein said central controller is configured for reading keyboard codes of keys pressed from a keypad buffer.

Claim 14 (original): The communications system according to claim 13, wherein the status data contain key codes of keys pressed.

Claim 15 (original): The communications system according to claim 13, wherein said controller is programmed to generate from the status data instructions writing key codes into the keypad buffer.

Claim 16 (original): The communications system according to claim 1, wherein said first communications terminal includes a visual display unit, and said remote computer is programmed to

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generate from the status data instructions which output data on said visual display unit.

Claim 17 (original): The communications system according to claim 1, wherein said remote computer is programmed to generate from the status data instructions for producing sound signals.

Claim 18 (previously amended): The communications system according to claim 1, wherein the status data contain a telephone number of said second communications terminal calling said first communications terminal.

Claim 19 (original): The communications system according to claim 1, wherein the remote computer is programmed to establish a connection to said first communications terminal.

Claim 20 (original): The communications system according to claim 19, wherein a data item identifying said first communications terminal is transmitted with the status data.